

Community Vehicle Sub-committee report – February, 2015

Funding

The community vehicle is funded by Transport for NSW as a Community Transport Program (CTP). We have recently been advised by Transport for NSW that we must also comply with the standards associated with the Home and Community Care Program (HACC Program) even though we receive no funding under this program.

Compliance with this would require a level of documentation/inspection etc that would be impractical for a small volunteer organization and so SIRA and PWC are jointly investigating partnering with a larger community transport organization to take over this aspect.

Meeting

David Hegarty and Cass Gye had an initial meeting with PWC and Manly Warringah Pittwater Community Transport & Bus Hire.

There was broad agreement that the SI Community Vehicle arrangements could be brought under a contract with MWPCT but there are a range of issues to be resolved including:

- Vehicle Lease – would that still be from PWC to SIRA or to MWPCT
- Driver reimbursement – this is a different model for the Scotland Island program than MWPCT and they will need to evaluate if it could remain the same or if we'd need to change to a different model.
- Subcontract option- MPWC could sub-contract SIRA for a number of trips and co-ordinate the compliance only- or it could be the reverse where SIRA subcontracts MPWCT to provide the service and leases etc are through them.

Next steps are with MPWCT- board reviewing the options and then will come back to SIRA and PWC for further discussion.

Data

Usage of the vehicle over the last 2 years has increased from 420 trips with 790 people carried per quarter in 2013 to 465 trips with 865 people carried per quarter in 2014.

Drivers

Karmel Patterson retired as a driver in June 2014 after many years of service as the regular weekend driver. SIRA awarded Karmel a life membership in recognition of her service to the community. Thanks to all the volunteer drivers and in particular to Stewart & Belinda Hodges and Mark & Lisa James who offered to cover weekends in lieu of Karmel.

